

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1078

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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to identify and study local funding sources and options for the Regional Transportation Authority.

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) receives funds from various state and federal agencies and such organizations as the Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, such funding is variable both in amount and timing and is many times tied to capital costs instead of operating costs; and

WHEREAS, the RTA Board has previously identified the need for a locally based and locally generated funding source as a foundation and a match for its many transportation programs; and

WHEREAS, the need to identify and generate dialogue on various funding options is long overdue; and

WHEREAS, identifying and studying such options necessitates the input and ultimate approval of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that there is hereby created a special joint committee to identify and study local funding sources and options for the Regional Transportation Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall consist of the following members:

Two (2) members of the House of Representatives who represent at least one (1) of the nine (9) Middle Tennessee counties under the jurisdiction of the Regional Transportation Authority, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

Two (2) members of the Senate who represent at least one (1) of the nine (9) Middle Tennessee counties under the jurisdiction of the Regional Transportation Authority, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate;

One (1) member of the House Transportation Committee, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

One (1) member of the Senate Transportation Committee, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate; and

The Comptroller of the Treasury, or the Comptroller's designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly no later than February 1, 2009, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.